

CALL/ACBD Committee to Promote Research Annual Report 2016-2017 May 2017 – Ottawa, ON

Committee Chairs: Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton

Members: Christine Brown, Kim Clarke, Catherine Cotter, Helen Heerema, F. Tim Knight, Vicki Jay Leung, Marianne Rogers, Michel-Adrien Sheppard, Leslie Taylor.

The committee continues its work to promote research among members of CALL/ACBD by managing the Research Grant application process and recommending awards to the Executive, by proposing programs for the conference, and by maintaining and updating the committee's web pages with information about awards and projects and links to web sites and organizations involved in the research process and resources.

Annual Business Meeting

At the 2016 Business Meeting in Vancouver, we welcomed new members to the committee. One of the items raised was whether or not the research grant should be a budget item. Ann Marie Melvie did take the suggestion forward to the Executive and the decision was made to change the description of the award to read "to a maximum of \$3,000".

Applications are normally due March 15, so that an award can be made at the annual meeting in May each year.

The maximum amount of the grant award is \$3,000.

Member News

At the May 2016 meeting in Vancouver, the Committee gained a few new members.

Committee Work: Research Grant

The Research Grant information is found on the CALL website (under Learn – Scholarships and Awards). The content regarding past recipients of the grant and their research projects has been updated. We also advertised the grant via the newsletter In Session and within the August 2016 issue of Canadian Law Library Review.

We did not receive any applications this year.

Committee Work: Conference Programming

In 2016, at the Conference in Vancouver, the committee sponsored the session "Gathering Evidence: Practical Uses of Research Methodology to Inform Your Library Practices and Prove Your Library's Worth". The presenters were Shaunna Mireau, Kim Nayyer and Michel-Adrien Sheppard, with Susan Barker as moderator. The presentation was fast-paced and well attended with over 60 participants.

For the 2017 conference in Ottawa, the committee proposed a session entitled "Everyone Writes! Let's Do it Well". Our original submission, with speaker Kathryn Vitale Lopez (course coordinator for the LRW program at University of Toronto Law School) was rejected on account of costs. Fortunately, we were able to engage Ruth O. Kuras, a CALL member, as our speaker and our session was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barker and Elizabeth Bruton
Co-Chairs
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